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AIR POLLUTION
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an epidemiological study undertaken by Central Pollution Control Board in collaboration with Chittaranjan National Cancer Institute, Kolkata has found that delhities need some fresh air soon;

(b)if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has since examined the report; and `

(d) if so, the steps the Government proposes to take in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a),(b)&(c): The interim findings of the studies indicate higher incidence of respiratory symptoms among the residents of Delhi. However, there is no conclusive data available to establish cause-effect relationship between the manifestations of various respiratory ailments and air pollution.The study is in progress.

(d) : Does not arise.However, several measures have been taken to contain air pollution which include the following :

Implementation of Auto Fuel Policy ;

Introduction of cleaner vehicular technologies and improved fuel ;

Implementation of stricter emission norms ;

Use of beneficiated coal having low ash content for power plants located in major cities and critical areas ;

Implementation of Charter on Corporate Responsibility on Environmental Protection (CREP) for specified categories of industries.